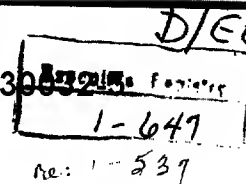




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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Washington

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Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

Your letter of May 26, 1950, notes that CIA has information, based on classified material, which indicates a strong probability that slave labor (possibly including Japanese prisoners of war) is employed in the Soviet crabmeat industry, and that Soviet canned crabmeat is being "dumped" in the United States market at a price considerably below that on the Soviet domestic market.

Your assistance in making this information available to this Department is appreciated. I suggest that your representative contact either Mr. Philip Nichols, Jr., Assistant General Counsel, who can be reached on Treasury extension 2392, or Mr. W. E. Higman, Chief, Division of Classification, Entry, and Value, Bureau of Customs (Treasury extension 490). These Treasury representatives are available to visit the CIA offices at such time as would be convenient to your staff. It would be greatly appreciated if you would designate a member of your staff to telephone one of them and make the necessary arrangements to put them in possession of the information which the CIA has, subject to whatever security regulations are applicable.

Sincerely yours,

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